

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-11 and 14-23 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 were previously cancelled.

Claims 4, 5 and 9 are amended.

Claim 3 is currently cancelled.

Claims 24-28 are newly presented.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

Claims 3 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) over US Patent 4,928,916 to Molloy.

Claim 3 is cancelled hereby, whereby the rejection is made moot.

Claim 5 is amended to substantially incorporate the allowable subject matter of objected claim 4.

The rejection as to claim 5 is thereby made moot, and claim 5 is believed to be made allowable.

Claims 6-8 depend from now allowable claim 5, and the rejects thereto are thereby made moot.

Claims 6-8 are now allowable at least as depending from allowable claim 5.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-23 stand allowed.

Claims 4 and 9-11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4 and 9 are so rewritten. Claims 4 and 9 are therefore now believed to be allowable.

Claims 10 and 11 are believed to be allowable as depending from now allowable base claim 9.

Newly Presented Claims

Claims 24-28 are newly presented. The subject matter of newly presented claims 24-28 is fully supported by the Specification, Claims and Figures as originally filed. No new matter is presented. Claims 24-28 are allowable at least as depending from now allowable claim 4.

The claims now being in form for allowance, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner has questions or wishes to discuss any aspect of the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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